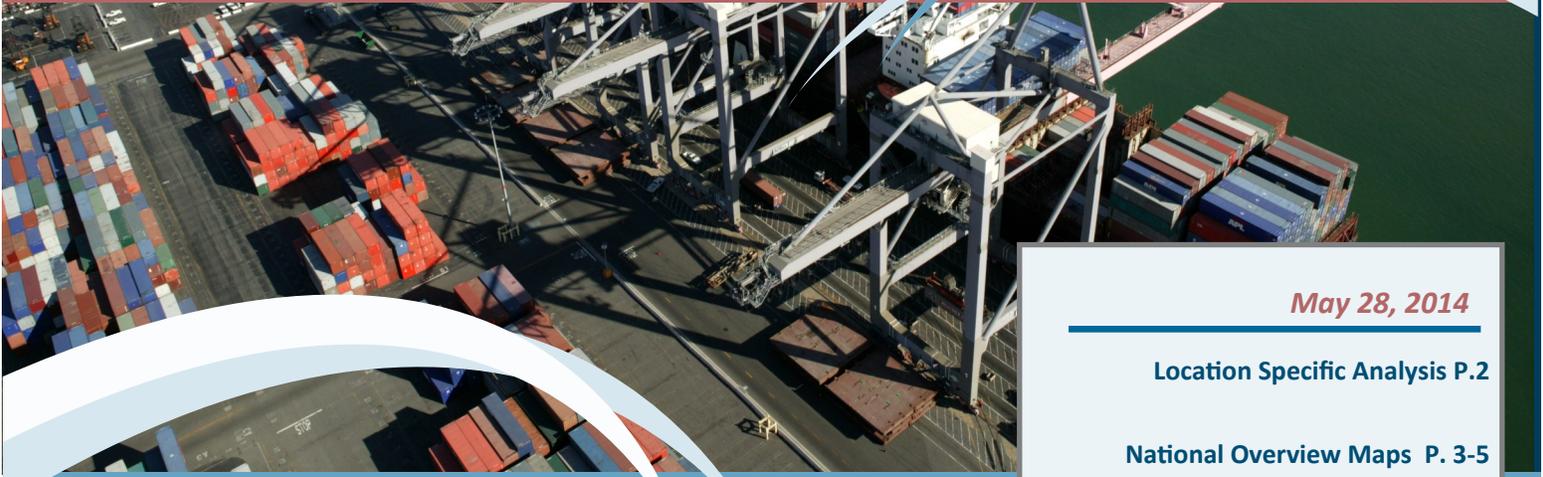




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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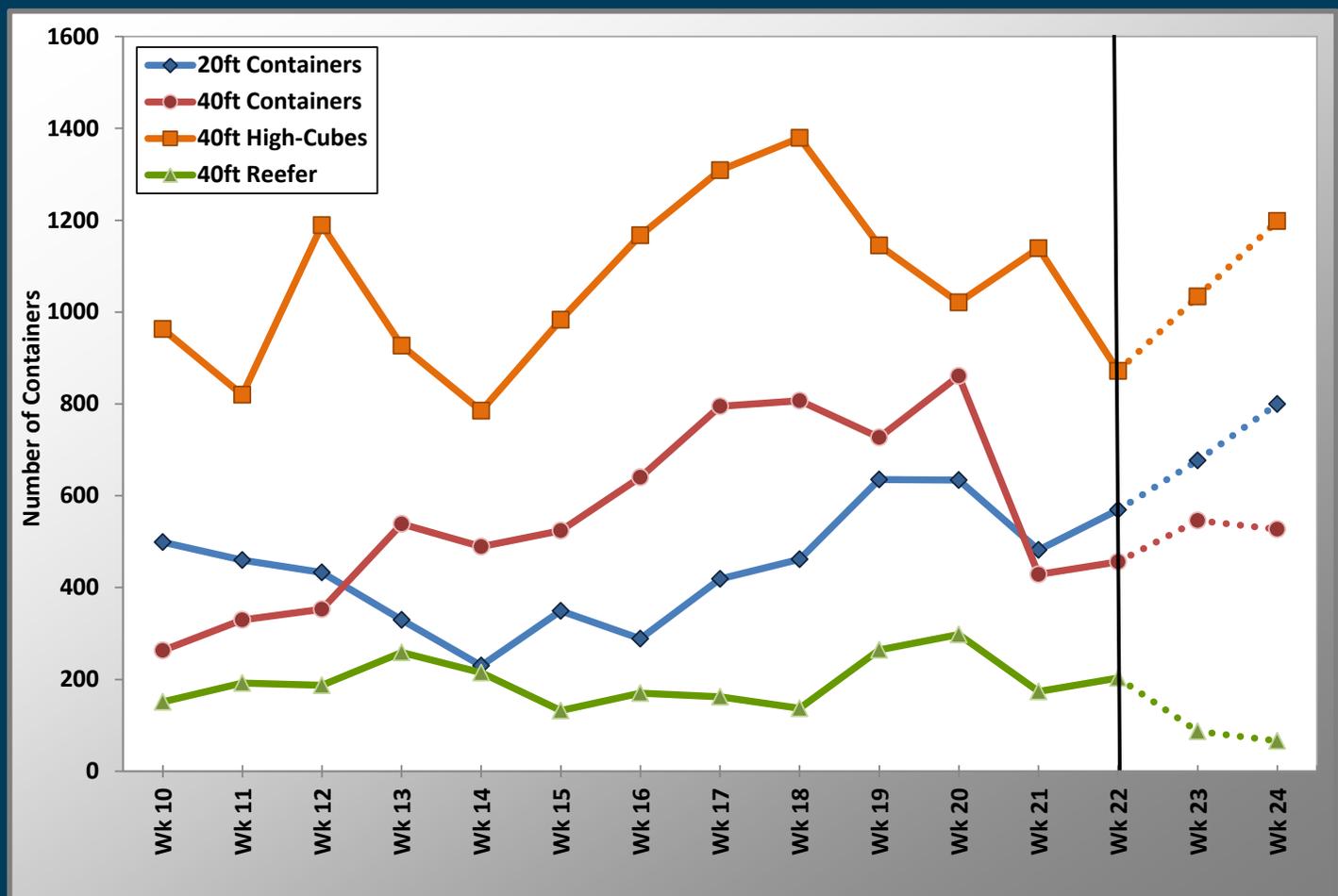
Historical Analysis of Norfolk

The Port of Norfolk ranks 10th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports, but 7th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, more than half of the agricultural exports through Norfolk were moved in containers. Between April and June of 2013, Norfolk moved more than 533,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Soybeans accounted for 27 percent of the agricultural exports through the port followed by grocery items accounting for 11 percent. Meat and animal feed were also among the top exports through Norfolk, accounting for 10 percent each. Since refrigerated exports are among the port's top containerized agricultural products, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 71 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used Maersk Line to move 19 percent, followed by Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), which moved 15 percent, MOL with 10 percent, and Hapag Lloyd with 8 percent.¹

Like many U.S. ports, overall container volumes through Norfolk grew by double digits (16.6 percent) in April. Many analysts say this growth, particularly in import traffic, is due to the emergence from a long, hard winter, as well as preparation for a potential port disruption on the West Coast due to the pending expiration of the longshore labor contract. These additional import containers provide a healthy pool of containers for exporters, as can be seen in the container availability numbers for Norfolk in the graph below for both April and May.

Over the past several weeks, container availability for each of the dry container types as well as the 40ft refrigerated containers in Norfolk has followed a similar pattern. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers have been the highest followed by standard 40ft dry containers. Since early April, estimates had been on the rise likely reflecting the increased import traffic mentioned above; however, estimates have fallen during the last couple of weeks. Estimates for 40ft refrigerated containers fell slightly in early April, were relatively flat for 3 weeks, then increased again in early May. Over the next 2 weeks, availability for the 3 dry container types is expected to increase; however, availability of 40ft reefers is expected to decrease.

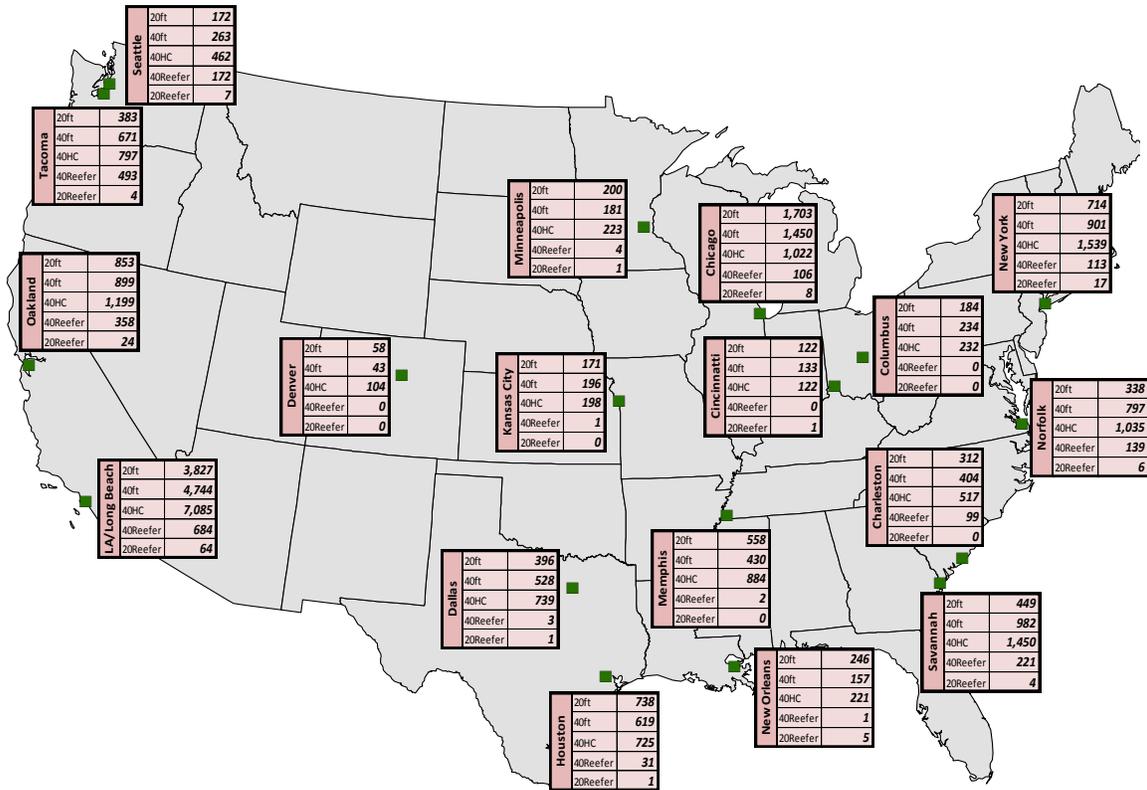
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Norfolk, 2nd week of March (Wk 10) through 5th week of May (Wk 22), with Projections



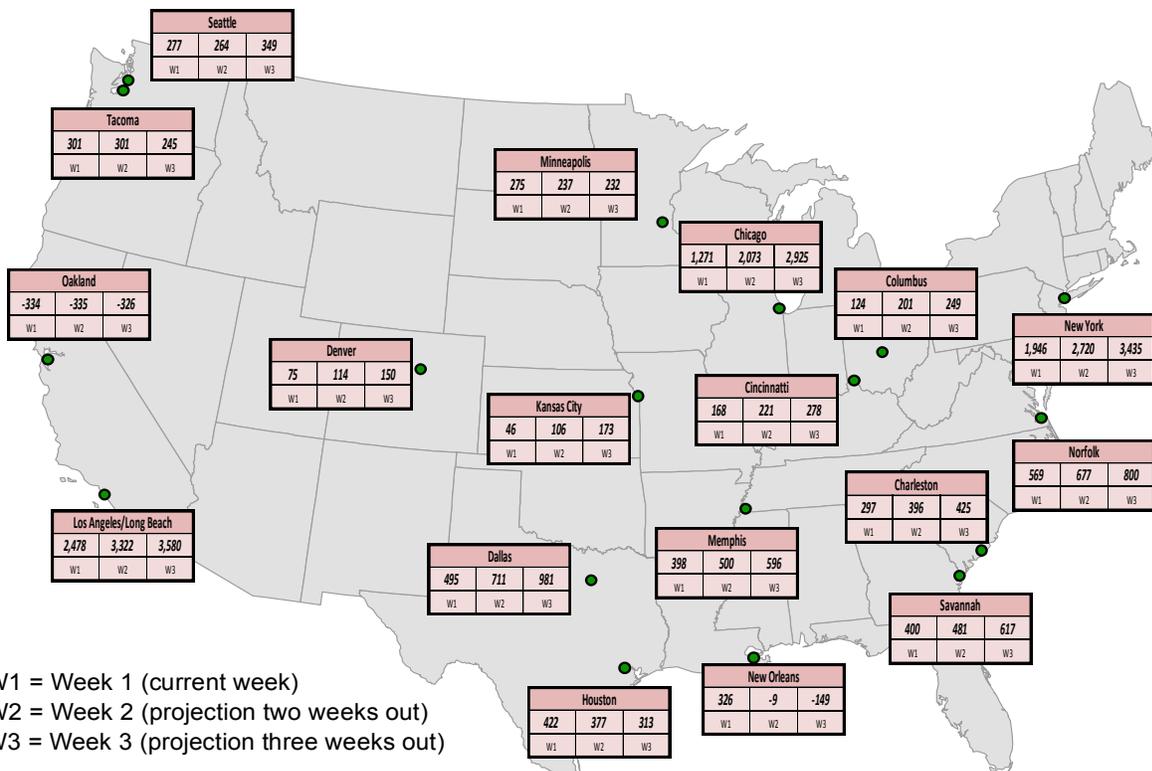
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



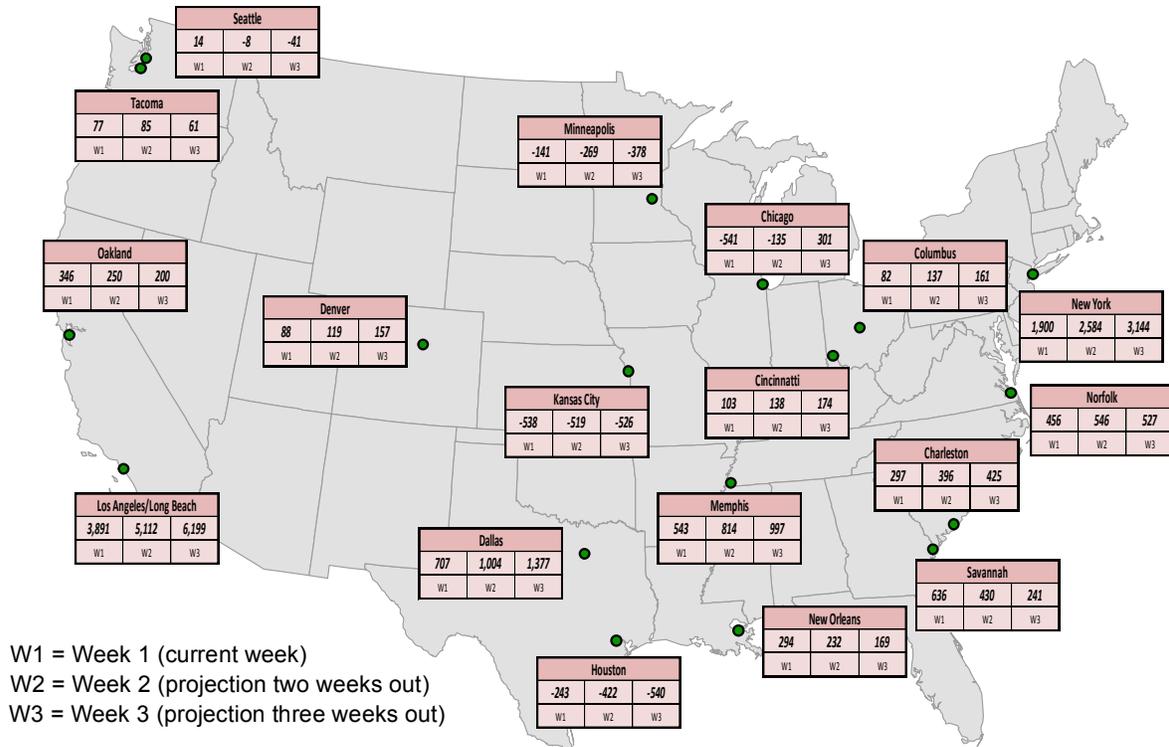
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



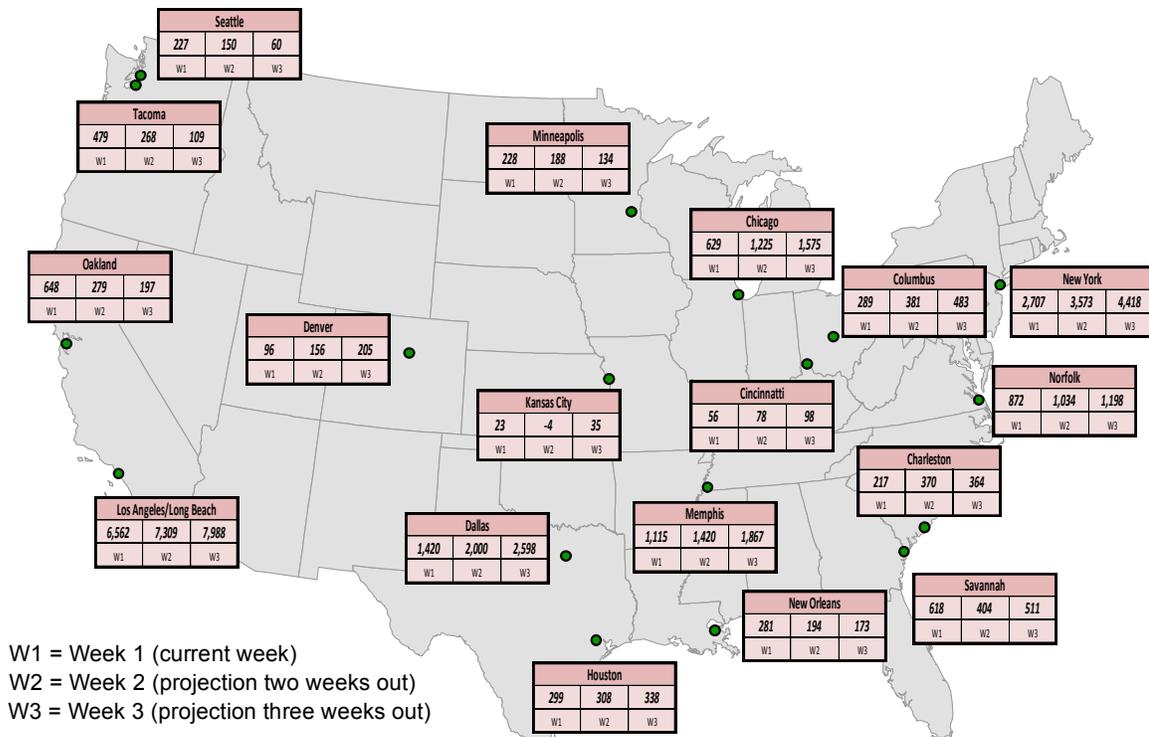
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
 W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
 W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

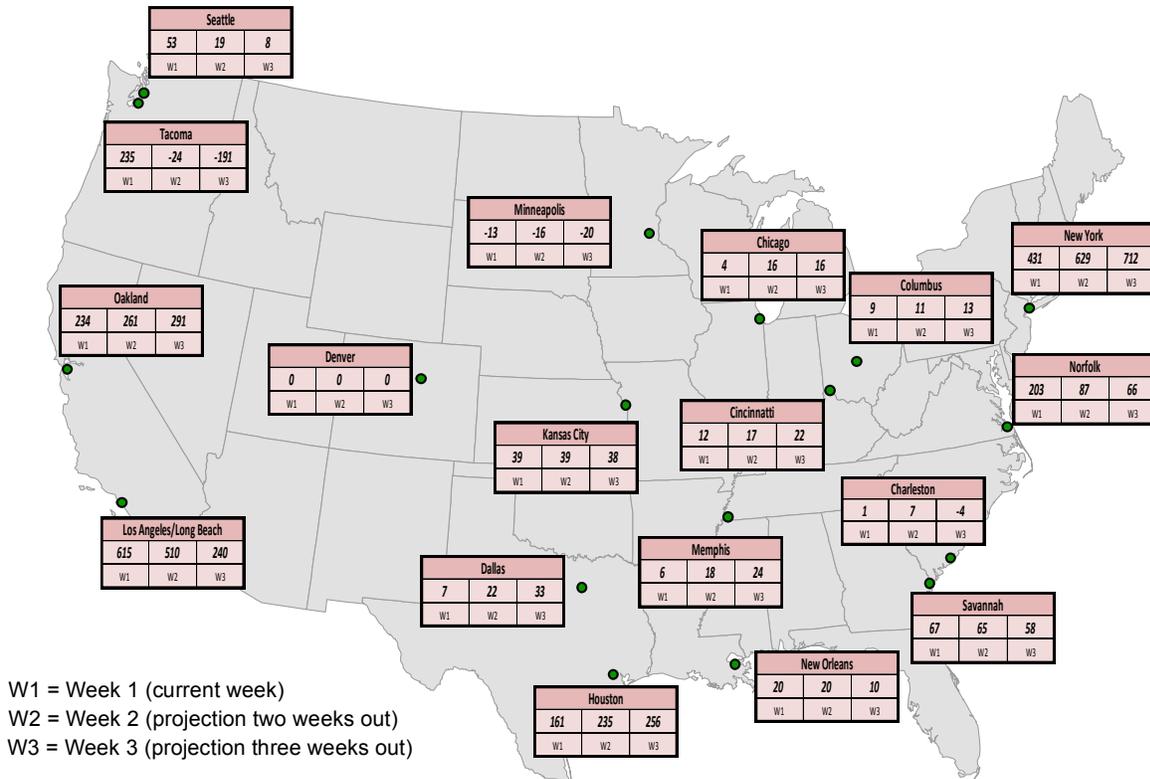


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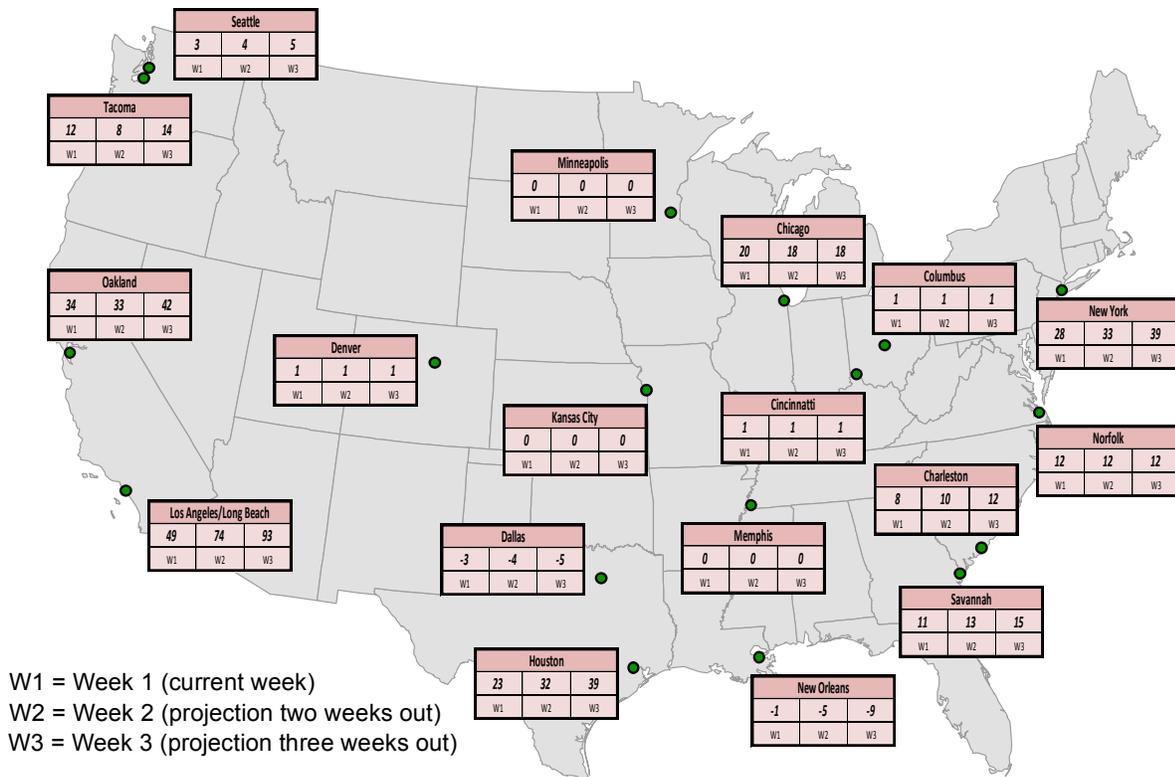
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



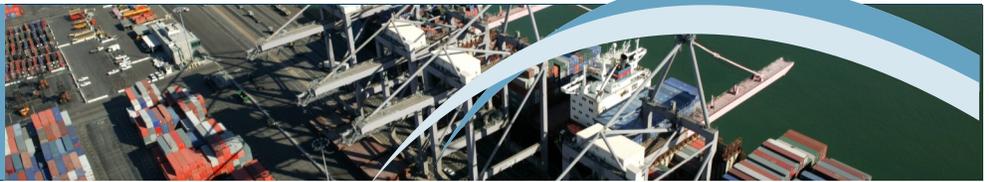


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	102	90	86	28	4	-13	.	.	.	.	297
Week 2: Jun 4-10	96	90	119	71	9	11	.	.	.	.	396
Week 3: Jun 11-17	83	90	141	65	8	38	.	.	.	.	425
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	215	170	95	90	56	8	.	.	.	.	634
Week 2: Jun 4-10	179	191	99	90	67	8	.	.	.	.	634
Week 3: Jun 11-17	168	224	130	90	74	7	.	.	.	.	693
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	130	55	35	13	3	-19	.	.	.	.	217
Week 2: Jun 4-10	130	68	108	81	8	-25	.	.	.	.	370
Week 3: Jun 11-17	130	62	187	77	5	-97	.	.	.	.	364
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	27	23	5	5	-8	-51	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jun 4-10	34	14	5	5	-8	-43	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Jun 11-17	41	1	5	5	-9	-47	.	.	.	.	-4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Jun 4-10	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jun 11-17	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	901	443	198	8	-79	-200	.	.	.	.	1,271
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1,299	628	336	8	2	-200	.	.	.	.	2,073
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1,651	885	581	7	1	-200	.	.	.	.	2,925
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	323	200	149	-3	-10	-1,200	.	.	.	.	-541
Week 2: Jun 4-10	411	396	248	-4	14	-1,200	.	.	.	.	-135
Week 3: Jun 11-17	517	557	419	-2	10	-1,200	.	.	.	.	301
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	1,020	341	156	5	-93	-800	.	.	.	.	629
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1,213	551	240	3	18	-800	.	.	.	.	1,225
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1,379	543	433	4	16	-800	.	.	.	.	1,575
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	39	25	0	-1	-59	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Jun 4-10	63	30	0	0	-77	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Jun 11-17	79	30	0	0	-93	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	13	7	20
Week 2: Jun 4-10	12	6	18
Week 3: Jun 11-17	11	7	18

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	50	49	34	15	12	8	168
Week 2: Jun 4-10	68	68	58	15	11	1	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Jun 11-17	90	83	80	15	10	0	.	.	.	.	278
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	76	19	14	3	-4	-5	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Jun 4-10	102	24	12	4	1	-5	.	.	.	.	138
Week 3: Jun 11-17	118	29	16	15	1	-5	.	.	.	.	174
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	38	24	18	-3	-6	-15	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: Jun 4-10	46	41	10	-4	0	-15	.	.	.	.	78
Week 3: Jun 11-17	61	45	11	-5	1	-15	.	.	.	.	98
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jun 4-10	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Jun 11-17	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	1	1
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1	1
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	59	31	27	10	5	-8	124
Week 2: Jun 4-10	80	54	58	8	5	-4	.	.	.	.	201
Week 3: Jun 11-17	102	70	63	12	5	-3	.	.	.	.	249
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	50	20	10	5	-1	-2	.	.	.	.	82
Week 2: Jun 4-10	54	20	11	29	26	-3	.	.	.	.	137
Week 3: Jun 11-17	56	20	14	34	41	-4	.	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	128	109	30	15	4	3	.	.	.	.	289
Week 2: Jun 4-10	181	146	30	15	8	1	.	.	.	.	381
Week 3: Jun 11-17	246	183	30	10	14	0	.	.	.	.	483
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jun 4-10	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jun 11-17	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	1	1
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1	1
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	168	124	67	67	60	9	495
Week 2: Jun 4-10	283	138	123	98	60	9	.	.	.	.	711
Week 3: Jun 11-17	392	209	215	95	60	10	.	.	.	.	981
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	204	189	146	138	20	10	.	.	.	.	707
Week 2: Jun 4-10	337	220	266	149	20	12	.	.	.	.	1,004
Week 3: Jun 11-17	500	320	387	138	20	12	.	.	.	.	1,377
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	434	338	315	173	150	10	.	.	.	.	1,420
Week 2: Jun 4-10	744	457	309	330	150	10	.	.	.	.	2,000
Week 3: Jun 11-17	977	681	300	480	150	10	.	.	.	.	2,598
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	11	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jun 4-10	27	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Jun 11-17	39	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jun 4-10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Jun 11-17	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	63	21	5	2	-8	-8	75
Week 2: Jun 4-10	89	20	5	4	-7	3	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Jun 11-17	114	26	5	9	-7	3	.	.	.	.	150
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	81	9	6	4	1	-13	.	.	.	.	88
Week 2: Jun 4-10	108	16	10	1	1	-17	.	.	.	.	119
Week 3: Jun 11-17	137	24	12	0	1	-17	.	.	.	.	157
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	111	32	11	7	5	-70	.	.	.	.	96
Week 2: Jun 4-10	156	30	28	6	6	-70	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Jun 11-17	200	25	33	5	12	-70	.	.	.	.	205
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jun 11-17	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	1	1
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1	1
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	212	200	31	10	-14	-17	422
Week 2: Jun 4-10	203	200	30	5	-2	-59	.	.	.	.	377
Week 3: Jun 11-17	156	200	12	4	-4	-55	.	.	.	.	313
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	225	138	7	2	-200	-415	.	.	.	.	-243
Week 2: Jun 4-10	212	100	-2	2	-200	-534	.	.	.	.	-422
Week 3: Jun 11-17	244	88	-10	3	-200	-665	.	.	.	.	-540
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	179	134	55	26	5	-100	.	.	.	.	299
Week 2: Jun 4-10	168	137	80	18	5	-100	.	.	.	.	308
Week 3: Jun 11-17	180	192	54	10	2	-100	.	.	.	.	338
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	100	52	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	161
Week 2: Jun 4-10	100	113	20	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	235
Week 3: Jun 11-17	100	114	40	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	256
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	32	0	-9	23
Week 2: Jun 4-10	37	0	-5	32
Week 3: Jun 11-17	42	0	-3	39

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	52	18	3	2	1	-30	46
Week 2: Jun 4-10	88	25	22	-1	2	-30	.	.	.	.	106
Week 3: Jun 11-17	135	31	37	-2	2	-30	.	.	.	.	173
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	44	32	2	-8	-8	-600	.	.	.	.	-538
Week 2: Jun 4-10	50	32	-6	12	-7	-600	.	.	.	.	-519
Week 3: Jun 11-17	54	29	-4	3	-8	-600	.	.	.	.	-526
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	50	21	2	-8	-8	-34	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Jun 4-10	50	30	-8	-13	-10	-53	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Jun 11-17	50	37	-5	-13	-10	-24	.	.	.	.	35
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	23	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Jun 4-10	20	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: Jun 11-17	16	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	0	0
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0	0
Week 3: Jun 11-17	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	634	600	554	372	278	40	.	.	.	.	2,478
Week 2: Jun 4-10	861	600	727	529	563	42	.	.	.	.	3,322
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1,080	600	700	565	605	30	.	.	.	.	3,580
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	924	900	839	833	345	50	.	.	.	.	3,891
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1,419	900	1,383	857	503	50	.	.	.	.	5,112
Week 3: Jun 11-17	2,019	900	1,766	845	624	45	.	.	.	.	6,199
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	3,200	1,718	1,622	440	50	-468	.	.	.	.	6,562
Week 2: Jun 4-10	3,200	1,830	2,263	498	48	-530	.	.	.	.	7,309
Week 3: Jun 11-17	3,200	1,780	3,026	563	49	-630	.	.	.	.	7,988
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	323	93	75	60	39	25	.	.	.	.	615
Week 2: Jun 4-10	354	130	75	65	-134	20	.	.	.	.	510
Week 3: Jun 11-17	336	38	75	72	-306	25	.	.	.	.	240
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	43	10	-4	49
Week 2: Jun 4-10	60	10	4	74
Week 3: Jun 11-17	77	10	6	93

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	128	100	99	46	15	10	398
Week 2: Jun 4-10	156	100	148	77	9	10	.	.	.	.	500
Week 3: Jun 11-17	178	100	202	99	7	10	.	.	.	.	596
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	223	181	100	49	10	-20	.	.	.	.	543
Week 2: Jun 4-10	406	232	100	63	10	3	.	.	.	.	814
Week 3: Jun 11-17	528	276	100	79	12	2	.	.	.	.	997
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	600	370	126	19	11	-11	.	.	.	.	1,115
Week 2: Jun 4-10	600	561	186	19	12	42	.	.	.	.	1,420
Week 3: Jun 11-17	600	881	262	15	10	99	.	.	.	.	1,867
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	5	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Jun 4-10	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Jun 11-17	22	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	0
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0
Week 3: Jun 11-17	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	180	77	25	17	6	-30	275
Week 2: Jun 4-10	155	83	13	8	8	-30	.	.	.	.	237
Week 3: Jun 11-17	139	103	8	6	6	-30	.	.	.	.	232
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	50	47	44	2	-125	-159	.	.	.	.	-141
Week 2: Jun 4-10	55	6	28	5	-125	-238	.	.	.	.	-269
Week 3: Jun 11-17	44	-22	24	4	-125	-303	.	.	.	.	-378
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	135	95	46	10	2	-60	.	.	.	.	228
Week 2: Jun 4-10	115	118	20	-7	2	-60	.	.	.	.	188
Week 3: Jun 11-17	92	107	22	-29	2	-60	.	.	.	.	134
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
Week 3: Jun 11-17	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	0
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0
Week 3: Jun 11-17	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	255	81	11	8	1	-30	.	.	.	.	326
Week 2: Jun 4-10	-72	70	11	11	1	-30	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 3: Jun 11-17	-200	55	13	12	1	-30	.	.	.	.	-149
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	277	11	5	1	0	0	.	.	.	.	294
Week 2: Jun 4-10	216	8	5	1	2	0	.	.	.	.	232
Week 3: Jun 11-17	153	8	5	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	150	73	38	10	10	0	.	.	.	.	281
Week 2: Jun 4-10	56	88	32	10	10	-2	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: Jun 11-17	25	97	33	10	10	-2	.	.	.	.	173
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Jun 4-10	23	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Jun 11-17	16	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	4	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Jun 4-10	4	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Jun 11-17	4	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	739	405	400	272	112	18	1,946
Week 2: Jun 4-10	1,122	603	400	352	219	24	.	.	.	.	2,720
Week 3: Jun 11-17	1,548	712	400	549	205	21	.	.	.	.	3,435
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	584	431	407	350	113	15	.	.	.	.	1,900
Week 2: Jun 4-10	722	695	653	350	144	20	.	.	.	.	2,584
Week 3: Jun 11-17	871	810	960	350	138	15	.	.	.	.	3,144
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	900	737	631	316	103	20	.	.	.	.	2,707
Week 2: Jun 4-10	900	930	1,038	525	147	33	.	.	.	.	3,573
Week 3: Jun 11-17	900	1,108	1,445	795	140	30	.	.	.	.	4,418
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	204	102	80	25	10	10	.	.	.	.	431
Week 2: Jun 4-10	264	184	109	52	10	10	.	.	.	.	629
Week 3: Jun 11-17	362	231	16	83	10	10	.	.	.	.	712
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	21	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 2: Jun 4-10	27	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Jun 11-17	33	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	209	102	100	93	35	30	569
Week 2: Jun 4-10	251	132	100	134	40	20	.	.	.	.	677
Week 3: Jun 11-17	273	192	100	207	10	18	.	.	.	.	800
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	194	136	79	21	20	6	.	.	.	.	456
Week 2: Jun 4-10	240	161	113	5	20	7	.	.	.	.	546
Week 3: Jun 11-17	278	106	109	4	20	10	.	.	.	.	527
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	276	276	241	150	8	-79	.	.	.	.	872
Week 2: Jun 4-10	316	343	295	150	6	-76	.	.	.	.	1,034
Week 3: Jun 11-17	246	392	478	150	5	-73	.	.	.	.	1,198
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	101	78	17	10	5	-8	.	.	.	.	203
Week 2: Jun 4-10	43	31	27	10	5	-29	.	.	.	.	87
Week 3: Jun 11-17	4	35	30	10	5	-18	.	.	.	.	66
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	10	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jun 4-10	10	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jun 11-17	10	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	200	82	80	5	-19	-682	-334
Week 2: Jun 4-10	200	96	53	5	-7	-682	.	.	.	.	-335
Week 3: Jun 11-17	200	91	31	5	14	-667	.	.	.	.	-326
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	407	90	70	4	-18	-207	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Jun 4-10	368	50	70	3	6	-247	.	.	.	.	250
Week 3: Jun 11-17	343	44	70	5	44	-306	.	.	.	.	200
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	510	300	8	-12	-78	-80	.	.	.	.	648
Week 2: Jun 4-10	563	300	7	22	-454	-159	.	.	.	.	279
Week 3: Jun 11-17	605	300	3	72	-633	-150	.	.	.	.	197
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	264	30	22	10	8	-100	.	.	.	.	234
Week 2: Jun 4-10	277	30	68	-5	3	-112	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Jun 11-17	267	30	79	-5	-1	-79	.	.	.	.	291
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	16	10	8	34
Week 2: Jun 4-10	22	10	1	33
Week 3: Jun 11-17	28	10	4	42

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	140	135	103	77	4	-59	400
Week 2: Jun 4-10	140	122	129	66	6	18	.	.	.	.	481
Week 3: Jun 11-17	140	175	150	62	7	83	.	.	.	.	617
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	378	301	160	8	-15	-196	.	.	.	.	636
Week 2: Jun 4-10	317	304	160	7	-34	-324	.	.	.	.	430
Week 3: Jun 11-17	316	292	160	4	-40	-491	.	.	.	.	241
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	467	400	241	0	-118	-372	.	.	.	.	618
Week 2: Jun 4-10	296	400	166	0	-71	-387	.	.	.	.	404
Week 3: Jun 11-17	574	400	35	0	-80	-418	.	.	.	.	511
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	108	77	10	-4	-49	-75	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Jun 4-10	108	60	10	-8	-55	-50	.	.	.	.	65
Week 3: Jun 11-17	95	73	10	-7	-63	-50	.	.	.	.	58
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	8	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Jun 4-10	9	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Jun 11-17	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	150	94	28	5	277
Week 2: Jun 4-10	150	84	22	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	264
Week 3: Jun 11-17	150	167	23	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	349
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	38	15	2	-41	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Jun 4-10	37	15	5	-65	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 3: Jun 11-17	33	15	9	-98	.	.	.	.	.	.	-41
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	140	100	6	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Jun 4-10	119	100	4	-73	.	.	.	.	.	.	150
Week 3: Jun 11-17	61	100	9	-110	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	24	20	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Jun 4-10	0	20	-2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Jun 11-17	-10	20	-3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	2	1	3
Week 2: Jun 4-10	3	1	4
Week 3: Jun 11-17	4	1	5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	144	76	63	10	8	301
Week 2: Jun 4-10	114	77	93	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: Jun 11-17	64	73	91	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	245
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	247	8	1	-88	-91	.	.	.	.	.	77
Week 2: Jun 4-10	215	8	1	-90	-49	.	.	.	.	.	85
Week 3: Jun 11-17	197	12	1	-99	-50	.	.	.	.	.	61
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	420	262	20	8	-231	.	.	.	.	.	479
Week 2: Jun 4-10	391	220	20	9	-372	.	.	.	.	.	268
Week 3: Jun 11-17	292	147	20	10	-360	.	.	.	.	.	109
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	321	174	5	0	-265	.	.	.	.	.	235
Week 2: Jun 4-10	277	13	5	0	-319	.	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 3: Jun 11-17	243	-197	5	0	-242	.	.	.	.	.	-191
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 28-Jun 3	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jun 4-10	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jun 11-17	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
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 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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